

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of January 16, 2006**

- 1. Tenant Opportunity to Purchase (Ward 6):** The Hampshire Towers Tenants Association is pleased to report that it has signed an agreement with Community Preservation and Development Corporation (CPDC) and Jair Lynch Companies to acquire and renovate Hampshire Towers located at 7333 and 7401 New Hampshire Avenue. The agreement calls for one of the towers to be converted to condominiums while the other to remain rental. Both buildings will be extensively renovated. The acquisition is scheduled to take place in mid-February with construction to start no later than November 2006. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 2. Landlord-Tenant Affairs:** Landlord-Tenant staff Jean Kerr and Moses Wilds, Jr. attended a landlord training sponsored this week by Montgomery Housing Partnership on "Using Fair Housing Guidelines in Advertising and Screening for New Tenants and Following the Proper Guidelines for Terminating a Lease". Speakers included staff from Montgomery County's Landlord-Tenant Office, Office of Human Rights and the Housing Opportunities Commission. Acquired new information will be reported in the City Newsletter. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 3. Snapshots Segment:** City TV staff attended the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Authority meeting on Tuesday regarding the development of the new Transit Center. This will be featured in a Snapshots segment in February. *(City TV)*
- 4. Captain Coursey at MCLECG:** On January 18, Capt. Coursey attended the first meeting of the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Coordination Group (MCLECG), which has just been formed by the Montgomery County Department of Homeland Security. It will likely meet bi-monthly to prepare coordinated law enforcement response and activities regarding emergency response and preparedness. The first major issue of concern is to work towards a better understanding of what may be required of law enforcement in a serious pandemic flu outbreak situation. *(Police)*
- 5. Local Emergency Planning Council:** Captain Coursey also attended the quarterly meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Council of Montgomery County on January 19, which was created by federal requirements. He attends the meetings periodically in conjunction with or on behalf of the major municipalities in Montgomery County (Takoma Park, Rockville and Gaithersburg). The main thrust of this group is to ensure public awareness of storage of hazardous materials within the County. This particular meeting included presentations on, and a tour of, the research reactor at NIST in Gaithersburg. The EMG also taps this council to provide a pool of experts as a resource in the event of an emergency involving hazardous materials. *(Police)*
- 6. Cause of Death (Ward 6):** The medical examiner has reported the cause of death for the 29-year-old Hyattsville man was found January 3, 2006 in the 1300 block of University Boulevard was alcohol intoxication complicated by hypothermia. The TPPD criminal investigations unit continues to attempt contact with next of kin in Guatemala. *(Police)*

**7. Officers in Training and Recruitment:** Officers Black and Almas continue in their field training period. Cadets Quante and Barber continue to progress in training at the University of Maryland Police Academy. The Recruiting Team has scheduled a written entrance exam for Communications Dispatcher candidates for Sunday, January 29; the entrance exam for police officer candidates will be February 11. The school crossing guard who joined the agency in late October has resigned and a search will begin immediately for a replacement. For information, contact the recruiting team at 301/891-7130. *(Police)*